

THE BLACK WIDOW

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When he was a boy, Scott Summers lost his parents in a plane crash that wasn't a plane crash. Growing up a mutant, Scott's childhood was a study in misery until he found a home with Charles Xavier and became one of the original X-MEN, their team leader:

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Scott Summers has been ripped through time alongside the other original X-Men into his future, our present, a world traumatically different than the one he left behind. In this present, the man Scott Summers grows up to be now stands with mutants the younger Cyclops knows only as enemies.

On a trip into space, Scott discovered that Chris Summers, the father he thought was dead, still lives, and more, has made a life for himself amongst the stars as the infamous pirate Corsair, leader of the Starjammers.

Given the choice of staying with his father or returning to Earth, Scott chose to do what any 16-year-old boy would do: head into space, to lead the life of a space pirate, a life of adventure!

Their most recent adventure took father and son across the galaxy on a hunt for the Black Vortex, a strange and mysterious object capable of granting impossible cosmic power to whoever submits to it. Scott was reunited with his fellow X-Men, and many of the galaxy's other most powerful heroes, but he was separated from his father, and then he, and his friends Iceman and Groot, ended up imprisoned by an intergalactic Big Bad known as Mister Knife.

But there's nothing to worry about, right? Scott Summers has escaped from far more dire predicaments than this. He's confident his dad will be along to rescue him any minute now. And once Scott and Corsair are back together, there will be no stopping them...

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IT WAS AN
AUDACIOUS
RESCUE.

HEADING *DIRECTLY*
INTO THE BELLY OF
THE BEAST.

IN THIS CASE, LITERALLY--
INTO A FLYING ALIEN
SPACE-WHALE THAT SERVED
AS THE "FLYING FORTRESS"
OF AN INTERGALACTIC SPACE
CREEP NAMED MISTER KNIFE.

PERSONNEL
TRANSPORT TO
SHUTTLE BAY FIFTEEN.
PERMISSION
TO BOARD.

PROCEED,
SHUTTLE
TRANSPORT.

WHERE THE THREE
OF *US* WERE BEING
HELD PRISONER.

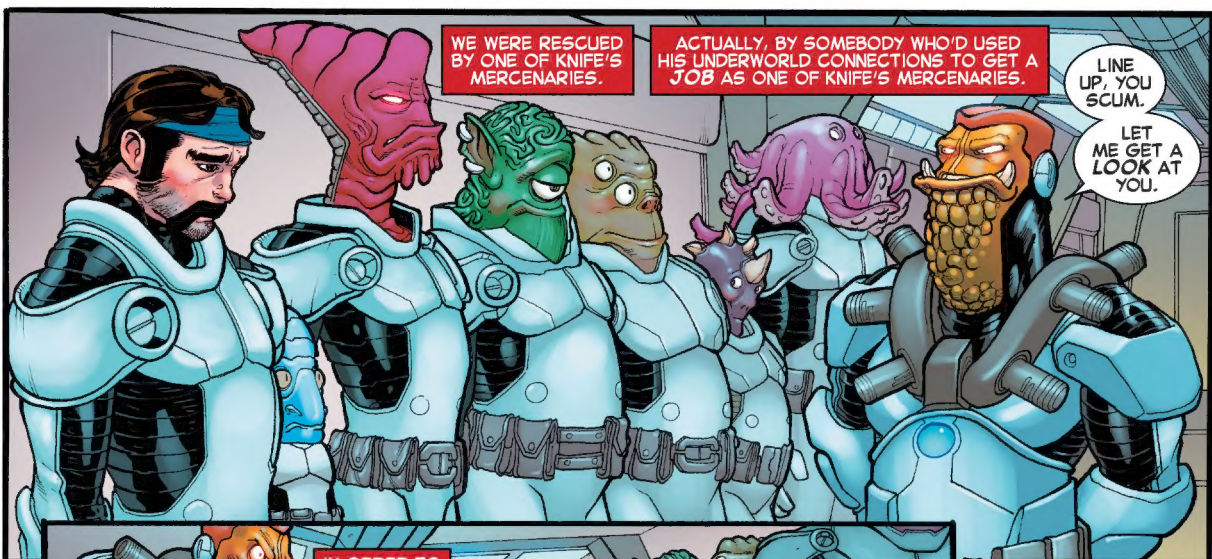
ME, MY COOL-CAT COLLEAGUE BOBBY
DRAKE--BETTER KNOWN AROUND THE
X-MANSION AS *ICEMAN*--AND A WEIRD,
MONOSYLLABIC WALKING GERANIUM
THAT CALLS HIMSELF *GROOT*.

IT WON'T
BE LONG
NOW.

I CAN
FEEL IT.

I AM
GROOT.





WE WERE RESCUED BY ONE OF KNIFE'S MERCENARIES.

ACTUALLY, BY SOMEBODY WHO'D USED HIS UNDERWORLD CONNECTIONS TO GET A JOB AS ONE OF KNIFE'S MERCENARIES.

LINE UP, YOU SCUM.

LET ME GET A LOOK AT YOU.



IN ORDER TO INFILTRATE KNIFE'S LAIR.

KEEP UP NOW. LET'S SEE WHAT THE BOSS HAS TO SAY ABOUT YOU SORRY-LOOKING LOT.

AND THEN?



EXACTLY THE SORT OF RESCUE YOU'D EXPECT FROM ONE OF THE GALAXY'S PREMIER SPACE PIRATES.

LOOK ALIVE, BOYS! I'M BUSTING YOU OUT.



FROM THE CAPTAIN OF THE INFAMOUS PIRATE SPACECUTTER, THE STARJAMMER.

CHRIS SUMMERS.

MY DAD--

DAD!

SORRY, GUYS, BUT KNIFE'S GOT AN ENTIRE ARMY OF MERCENARY SOLDIERS ON THIS TUB.

IF YOU WANT TO GET OUT OF HERE IN ONE PIECE, YOU BETTER BE READY FOR A FIGHT.

IT WAS THE SORT OF
BOLD RESCUE AND
DARING ESCAPE PEOPLE
WOULD BE TALKING
ABOUT FOR YEARS.

A STORY ABOUT MY
FATHER THAT I'D
BE TELLING MY OWN
SON SOMEDAY.

PERFECTLY
PLANNED.

PERFECTLY
EXECUTED.

THERE WAS
ONLY ONE
PROBLEM.





IT NEVER
HAPPENED.

SCOTT?



SCOTT,
ARE YOU
OKAY?

HE...
HE'S NOT
COMING.

I THOUGHT
HE'D BE HERE
BY NOW.



I GOTTA TELL
YOU, BUDDY. OUR
LITTLE X-MEN GROUP
AIN'T THE SAME
WITHOUT YOU.

WE'D BE HAPPY
TO HAVE YOU
BACK, ONCE YOU'VE
HAD YOUR FILL OF
INTERGALACTIC
GALLIVANTIN'.



YOU NEED
TO TAKE YOUR
MIND OFF
THINGS.

WHY DON'T
YOU TELL ME
AND GROOT SOME
STORIES ABOUT
BEING A BADASS
SPACE
PIRATE?

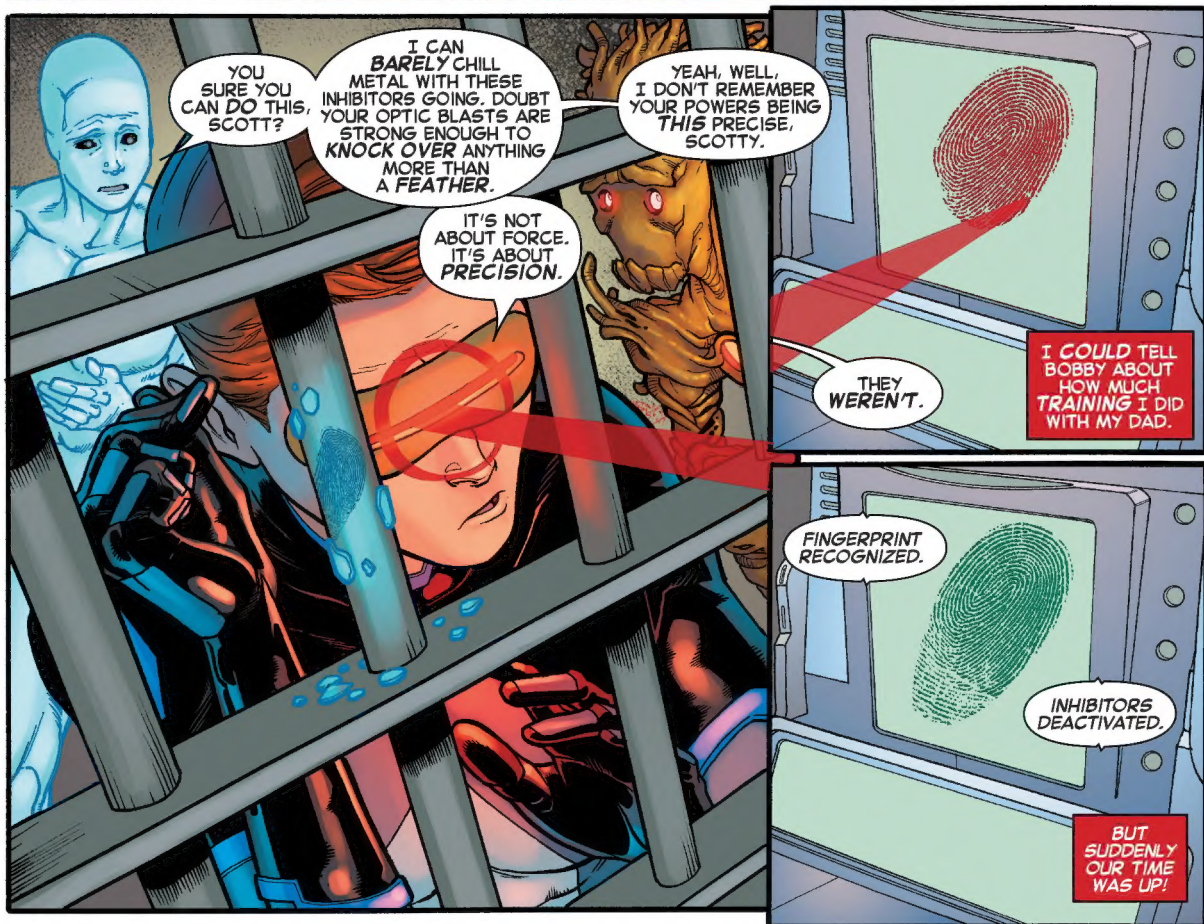
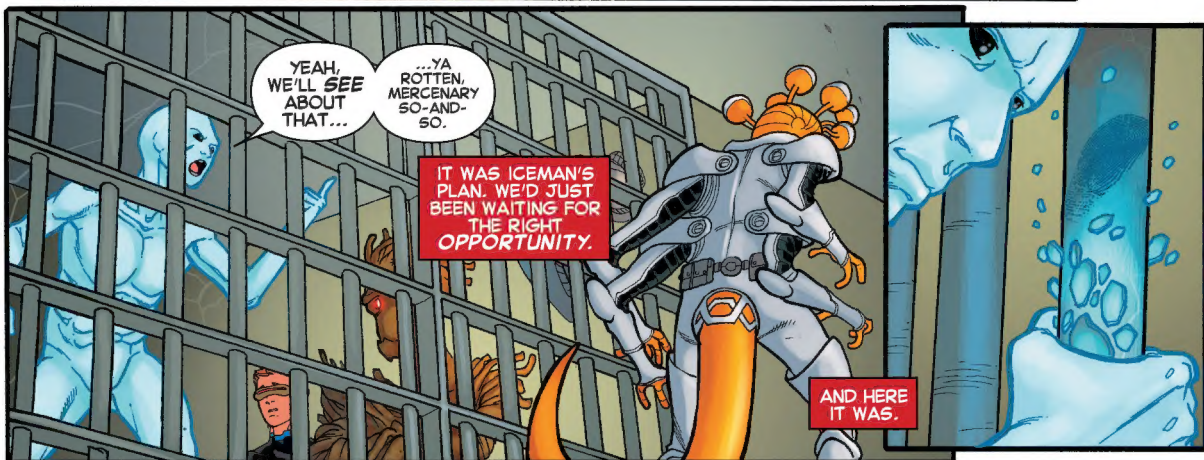
I KNOW
YOU'RE TRYING
TO CHEER ME UP,
BOBBY. BUT MAYBE
THAT'S NOT THE
BEST WAY TO TAKE
MY MIND OFF
THINGS?

I AM
GROOT.

AW, GO
ON, WHYDONCHA?
YOU GOT PLENTY
OF TIME TO SWAP
LIFE STORIES.

YOU'RE
GONNA BE
HERE FOR A
LONG TIME,
AFTER ALL.

UNLESS
MR. KNIFE
DECIDES TO
EXECUTE YOU,
THAT IS.







AFTER THEM!

GET THEM!

SHRO
WWW
WWW



UG. STILL... WEAK FROM THAT POWER INHIBITOR...

3PANT PANT<

THAT ICE WALL JUST TOOK EVERYTHING I HAD.

OKAY, YOU BOUGHT US A LITTLE TIME. NOW WHAT?

THAT.

IT'S THE
BLACK CORTIX

IT'S WHAT MY FATHER AND I SET OUT FOR, BEFORE WE GOT SEPARATED, BEFORE I GOT JAILED, AND HE ENDED UP WHO-KNOWS-WHERE.

TURNS OUT HALF THE GALAXY WAS AFTER IT.

AN OBJECT OF ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE *COSMIC POWER*. CAPABLE OF BESTOWING THAT IMPOSSIBLE COSMIC POWER TO PEOPLE.

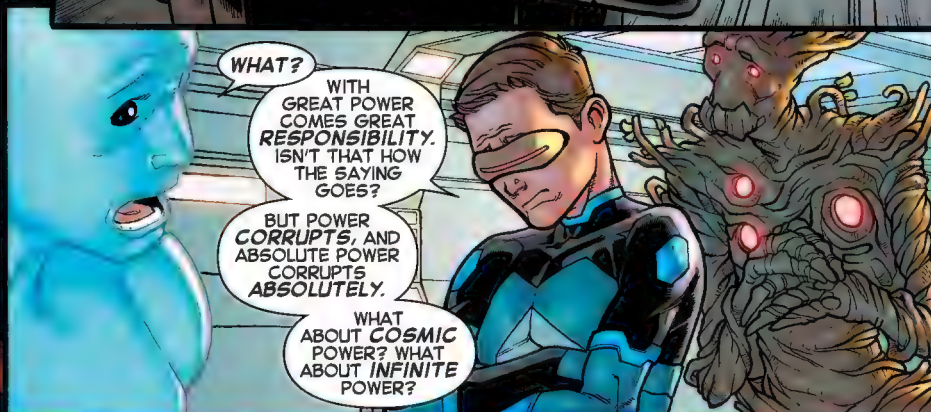


IT'S **OBVIOUS** WHAT WE HAVE TO DO. THAT ICE WALL IS NOT GOING TO HOLD FOR LONG.

WE NEED TO **SUBMIT** TO THE VORTEX.

GET ENOUGH **POWER** THAT WE CAN STAND UP TO THAT ARMY ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WALL.

NO... I'M **NOT** GOING TO.



WHAT?

WITH GREAT POWER COMES GREAT **RESPONSIBILITY**. ISN'T THAT HOW THE SAYING GOES?

BUT POWER **CORRUPTS**, AND ABSOLUTE POWER **CORRUPTS** **ABSOLUTELY**.

WHAT ABOUT **COSMIC** POWER? WHAT ABOUT **INFINITE** POWER?



YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE **OTHER** SCOTT SUMMERS. THE **FUTURE** SCOTT SUMMERS.

OR HOW PHOENIX BECAME **DARK** PHOENIX.

SOME THINGS IN THIS UNIVERSE YOU JUST DON'T WANT TO **MESS** WITH, AND MAYBE THE **BLACK VORTEX** IS ONE OF THOSE THINGS.

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE **REPERCUSSIONS** ARE IF WE **SUBMIT**.

WELL, I'LL TELL YOU **THIS** MUCH...IF WE **DON'T** DO IT, THE **REPERCUSSIONS** ARE WE'RE GONNA GET OURSELVES **KILLED**.

I DON'T THINK I CAN DO THIS.

DAMMIT, SUMMERS!

SCOTT!

SCOTT, DO YOU HEAR ME?



DAD?

HOW
ARE
YOU--

TELEPATHIC
LINK-UP. NEEDED
TO INVADE YOUR
BRAINSPACE TO
HAVE A WORD
WITH YOU.

YOU CAN
THANK **JEAN**
FOR THAT.

HIYA,
SCOTT.

SORRY,
SON, THERE'S
NOT A LOT OF TIME
FOR EXPLANATIONS.
ONLY TIME TO TELL
YOU **THIS**:

I KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE
WORRIED
ABOUT.

THAT THERE'S
A **DARKNESS** IN
YOU, THE DARKNESS
THAT WAS IN THE
OTHER SCOTT
SUMMERS--

--AND THAT
THE VORTEX'S
POWER WILL BRING
IT **OUT**.

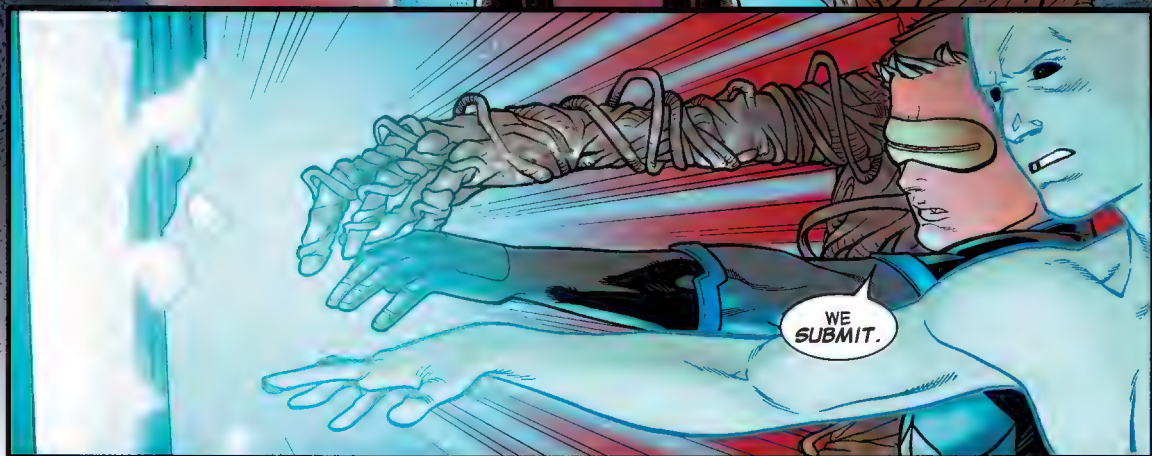
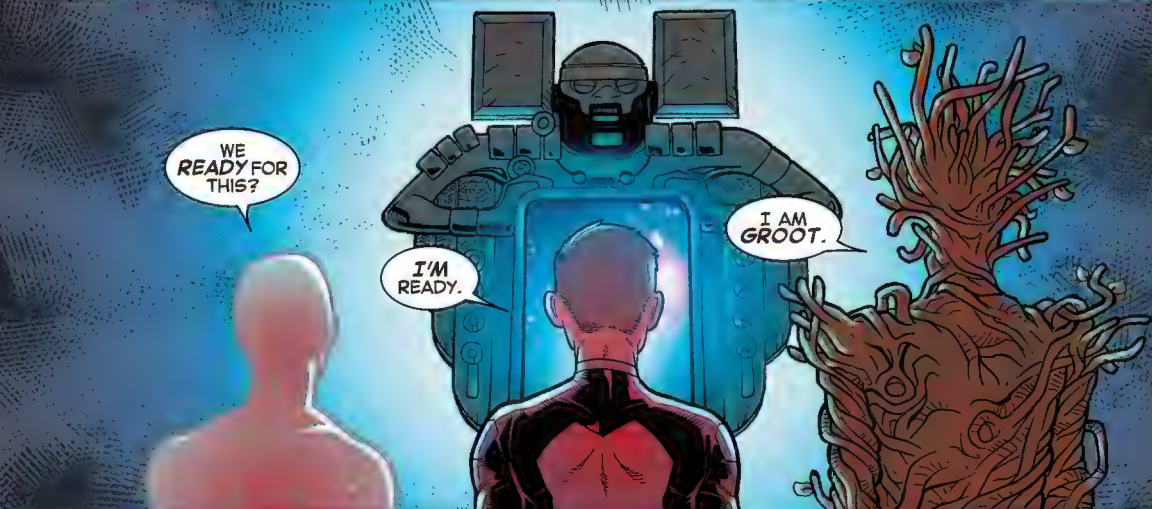
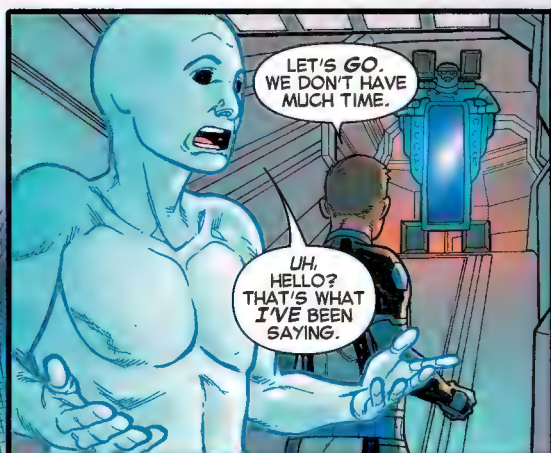
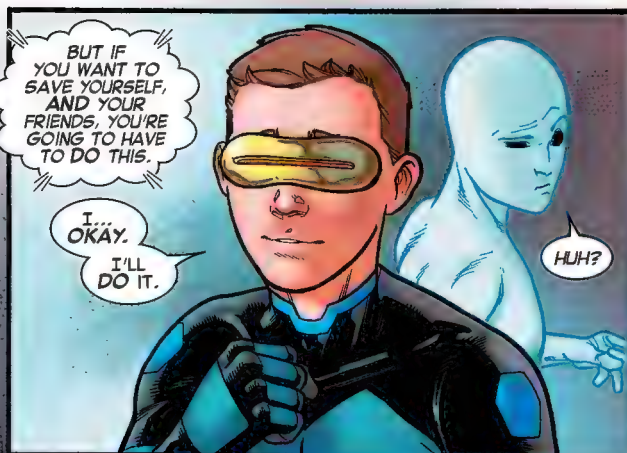
I DON'T
WANT TO **BE**
THAT MAN,
DAD.

AND YOU
WON'T BE.
YOU'RE NOT
HIM.

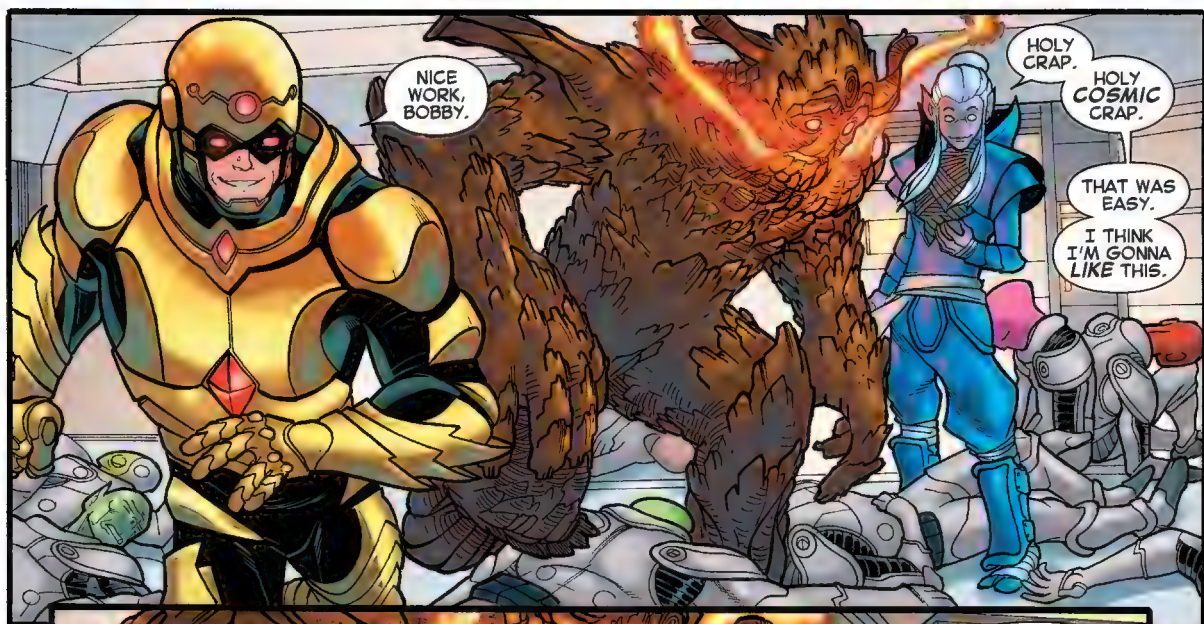
IF OUR
TIME TOGETHER
HAS SHOWN ME
ANYTHING,
IT'S **THAT**.

YOU HAVE
TO TRUST
YOURSELF,
LIKE I TRUST
YOU.

YOU CAN
CONTROL THE
BLACK VORTEX'S
POWER. IT DOESN'T
HAVE TO **CONTROL**
YOU.









ER...SCOTT,
DOES THIS LOOK
LIKE "SOMEWHERE
SAFE" TO
YOU?

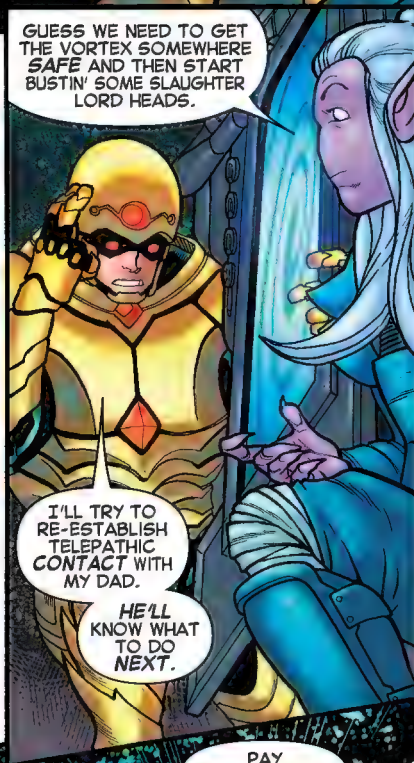


IT LOOKS LIKE WE JUST ENTERED A WAR ZONE. THOSE ARE THE SLAUGHTER LORDS.

VERSUS EVERYBODY.

OH, I WISH THERE WAS SOME PUNNY, ICE-THEMED EQUIVALENT OF "OUT OF THE FRYING PAN AND INTO THE FIRE."

I'D TOTALLY BE SAYING THAT RIGHT NOW IF THERE WAS.



GUESS WE NEED TO GET THE VORTEX SOMEWHERE SAFE AND THEN START BUSTIN' SOME SLAUGHTER LORD HEADS.

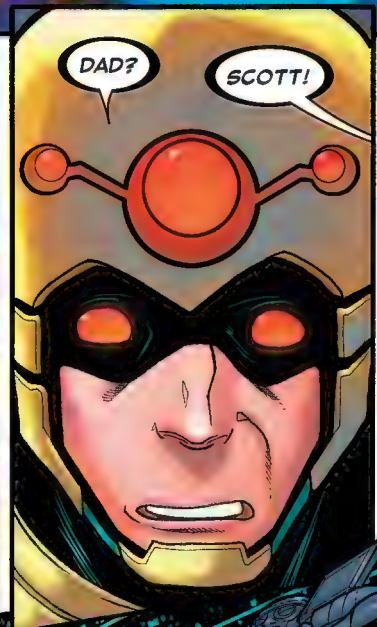
I'LL TRY TO RE-ESTABLISH TELEPATHIC CONTACT WITH MY DAD.

HE'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO NEXT.



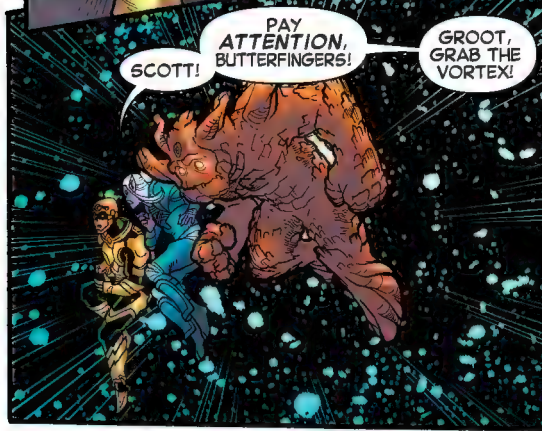
DAD, WE'RE OUT OF THE FLYING FORTRESS. WITH THE VORTEX.

WHAT'S OUR NEXT MOVE?



DAD?

SCOTT!



SCOTT!

PAY ATTENTION, BUTTERFINGERS!

GROOT, GRAB THE VORTEX!



YOU GUYS
GET OUT THERE
AND JOIN THE
FIGHT.

I'LL TAKE
THE VORTEX
OFF YOUR
HANDS.

KITTY'S
GOT BIG PLANS
FOR THIS
THING.*

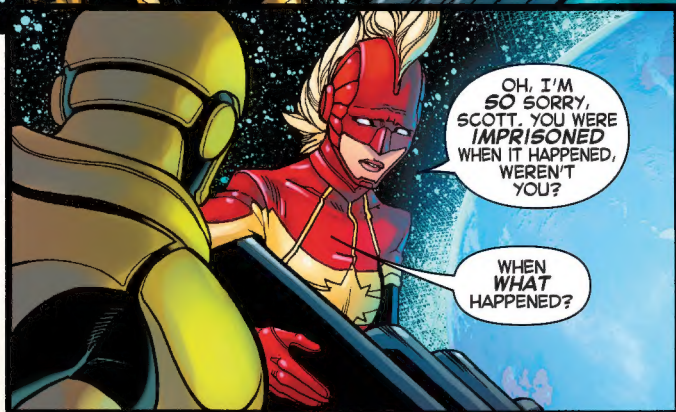
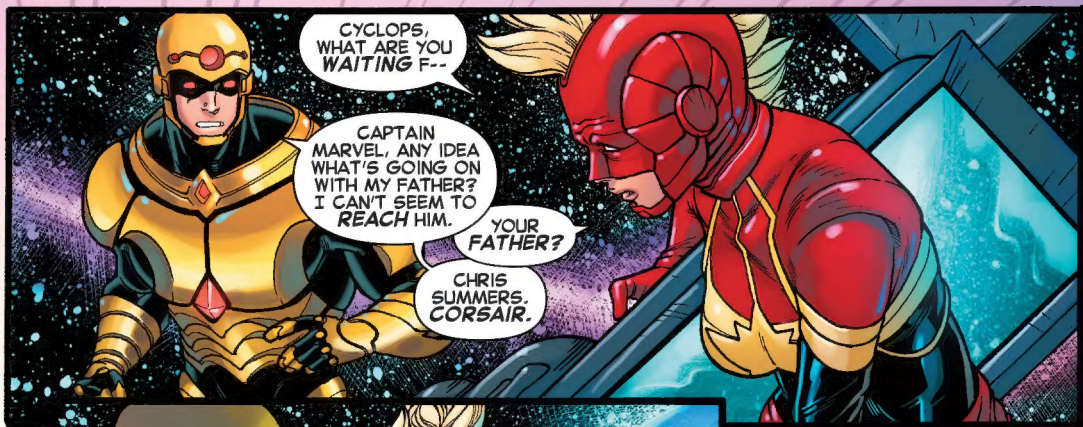
UM...THANKS,
CAPTAIN MARVEL,
I GUESS?

YOU
GUYS READY
FOR THIS?

I AM
GROOT.

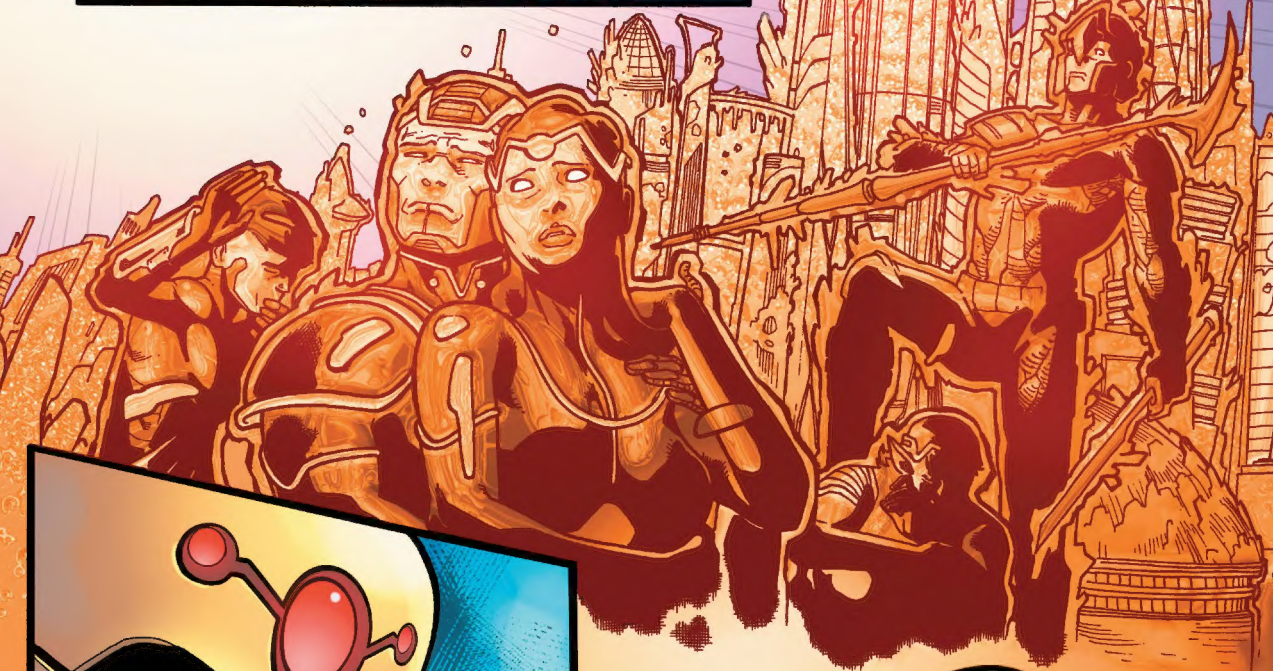
I'LL
TAKE THAT
AS A
"YES."

*SEE CAPTAIN MARVEL #14
TO SEE WHAT THOSE PLANS ARE!



"SPARTAX. THE ENTIRE
PLANET WAS FROZEN
IN SOME AMBER-LIKE
SUBSTANCE BY THANE.
EVERY BIT OF IT.

"ALONG WITH
EVERYBODY ON IT.
WHICH, I'M SORRY
TO SAY, INCLUDES
YOUR FATHER."







"...GET OUT
THERE AND
SAVE THE
WORLDS."

END

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY & X-MEN

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FOLLOW THE SAGA OF THE BLACK VORTEX IN
CAPTAIN MARVEL #14

**ON-SALE
FEBRUARY**

~~THE BLACK
VORTEX ALPHA #1~~

~~GUARDIANS OF
THE GALAXY #24~~

~~LEGENDARY
STAR-LORD #6~~

~~ALL-NEW
X-MEN #29~~

**ON-SALE
MARCH**

~~ALL-NEW
X-MEN #30~~

~~GUARDIANS
TEAM-UP #3~~

~~GUARDIANS OF
THE GALAXY #25~~

~~NOVA #28~~

~~LEGENDARY
STAR-LORD #10~~

**ON-SALE
APRIL**

CYCLOPS #12

CAPTAIN
MARVEL #14

LEGENDARY
STAR-LORD #11

THE BLACK VORTEX
OMEGA #1



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